

## NOTICE OF DECISION ON THE CLOSURE PLAN The Explosive Ordnance Disposal Area BEALE AIR FORCE BASE



DTSC has decided to approve the Closure Plan for the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Area (referred to as the EOD Area) at Beale Air Force Base (Beale AFB), Yuba County, California

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has approved a Closure Plan for the EOD Area located within Beale AFB. The Closure Plan was approved by DTSC in May 2006. The EOD Area is an interim status unit regulated under California's Hazardous Waste Control Law and its regulations. The Closure Plan only addresses the existence of chemical contaminants in soils, sediments, and surface water. Based on the sampling data and the human health and ecological risk assessments, DTSC found that the site does not present a chemical threat to public health or the environment. The Closure Plan states that other Beale AFB cleanup programs will conduct an investigation of potential groundwater contamination, and possible presence of buried munitions/explosives. Until these remaining environmental issues are addressed, the EOD unit is not considered fully closed under the California's Hazardous Waste Control Law.

Before DTSC approved the Closure Plan, we had to meet the requirements of a state law known as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The purpose of CEQA is to evaluate whether the closure activity could cause an adverse impact on the environment. DTSC has determined that the remaining levels of chemical contamination in soils, sediment, and surface water do not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment. Therefore, DTSC has prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) under CEQA.

You may review the Closure Plan, and the NOE at the Yuba County Library, 303 Second Street, Marysville, California, (530) 749-7380. You may also review all records contained in the full administrative record at the:

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